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In re Application of  
Robert Behl et al  
Application No. 09/663,048  
Filed: September 15, 2000  
Attorney Docket No. 16807-002400

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed November 17, 2003, under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

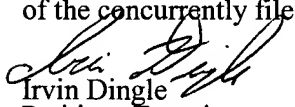
The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

**Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on June 24, 2003 in the above-identified application cannot be refunded. If, however, the above-identified application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.<sup>1</sup>**

The file does not indicate a change of address has been submitted, although the address given on the petition differs from the address of record. If appropriate, a change of address should be filed in accordance with MPEP 601.03. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the address given on the petition; however, the Office will mail all future correspondence solely to the address of record.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to Irvin Dingle at (703) 306-5684.

After receipt of the file in the Office of Petitions, the file will be forwarded to Technology Center AU 3739 for processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and for consideration of the concurrently filed Information Disclosure Statement.

  
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<sup>1</sup> The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85(b), which includes the following language thereon: "Commissioner for Patents is requested to apply the Issue Fee and Publication Fee (if any) or re-apply any previously paid issue fee to the application identified above." Petitioner is advised that, whether a fee is indicated as being due or not, the Issue Fee Transmittal Form **must** be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment. Note the language in bold text on the first page of the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (PTOL-85).



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Date : November 17, 2003  
TO : Director, Office of Patent Publication  
FROM : Office of the Deputy Commissioner  
for Patent Examination Policy  
SUBJECT : Withdrawal from Issue of Application No. 09/663,048

Applicant(s) : Robert Behl et al  
Application No. : 09/663,048  
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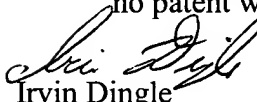
The above-identified application has been assigned Patent No. 6,648,882 and an issue date of November 18, 2003.

It is hereby directed that this application be withdrawn from issue at the request of the applicant.

Do not refund the issue fee.

The following erratum should be published in the Official Gazette if the above-identified application is published in the OG of November 18, 2003:

"All reference to Patent No. 6,648,882 to Robert Behl et al of California for METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR FOCUSED BIPOLAR TISSUE ABLATION appearing in the Official Gazette of November 18, 2003 should be deleted since no patent was granted."

  
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